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## **Missouri Public Service Commission**

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### **PSC SETS HEARING SCHEDULE IN STAFF COMPLAINT AGAINST BPS TELEPHONE COMPANY**

Jefferson City (December 16, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold hearings in March in a PSC Staff complaint case against BPS Telephone Company. Hearings, to be held in the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City, will begin on March 3, 2005. Hearings are scheduled to continue on March 4, 2005 and March 7, 2005.

Based upon an audit of the books and records of BPS Telephone Company, the PSC Staff is seeking to reduce the annual telephone revenues of the company by approximately \$932,000. Staff is seeking to reduce the switched access rates charged by BPS Telephone Company to long-distance carriers. Switched access rates refer to rates BPS Telephone Company charges long-distance carriers for accessing the BPS Telephone system to carry a long-distance call.

The BPS Telephone Company serves approximately 3,800 subscribers in three exchanges in southeast Missouri.

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